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To require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

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Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. OWENS, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi, Mr. TURNER of Texas, Mr. VISCLOSKY, Mr. HALL, Mr. WICKER, Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin, Mr. NUNES, Ms. HERSETH, Mr. CHANDLER, Mr. HOLT, and Mrs. LOWEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

A BILL

To require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
 2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “NASA and JPL 50th
 5 Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. COIN SPECIFICATIONS.**

7 (a) DENOMINATIONS.—In commemoration of the
 8 50th anniversary of the establishment of the National Aer-
 9 onautics and Space Administration and the Jet Propulsion
 10 Laboratory, the Secretary of the Treasury (hereafter in
 11 this Act referred to as the “Secretary) shall mint and issue
 12 the following coins:

13 (1) \$10 GOLD COINS.—Not more than 75,000
 14 \$10 gold coins of such specifications as the Sec-
 15 retary determines to be appropriate.

1 (2) \$5 GOLD COINS.—Not more than 100,000
2 \$5 coins, which shall—

3 (A) weigh 8.359 grams;

4 (B) have a diameter of 0.850 inches; and

5 (C) contain 90 percent gold and 10 percent
6 alloy.

7 (3) \$1 SILVER COINS.—Not more than 500,000
8 \$1 coins, which shall—

9 (A) weigh 26.73 grams;

10 (B) have a diameter of 1.500 inches; and

11 (C) contain 90 percent silver and 10 per-
12 cent copper.

13 (4) HALF DOLLAR SILVER COINS.—Not more
14 than 500,000 half dollar coins which shall—

15 (A) have a diameter of 1.205 inches; and

16 (B) contain 90 percent silver and 10 per-
17 cent copper.

18 (b) LEGAL TENDER.—The coins minted under this
19 Act shall be legal tender, as provided in section 5103 of
20 title 31, United States Code.

21 (c) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of section
22 5134 of title 31, United States Code, all coins minted
23 under this Act shall be considered to be numismatic items.

24 **SEC. 3. DESIGN OF COINS.**

25 (a) DESIGN REQUIREMENTS.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The design of the coins
2 minted under this Act shall be emblematic of the 50
3 years of exemplary and unparalleled achievements of
4 the National Aeronautics and Space Administration
5 and the Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

6 (2) DESIGNATION AND INSCRIPTIONS.—On
7 each coin minted under this Act there shall be—

8 (A) a designation of the value of the coin;

9 (B) an inscription of the year “2008”; and

10 (C) inscriptions of the words “Liberty”,
11 “In God We Trust”, “United States of Amer-
12 ica”, and “E Pluribus Unum”, and such other
13 inscriptions as the Secretary may determine to
14 be appropriate for the designs of the coins.

15 (3) COIN IMAGES.—

16 (A) \$10 COINS.—The reverse of the \$10
17 coins issued under this Act shall bear a design
18 emblematic of the sacrifice of the United States
19 astronauts who lost their lives in the line of
20 duty over the course of the space program.

21 (B) \$5 COINS.—The reverse of the \$5
22 coins issued under this Act shall bear at least
23 2 different designs—

1 (i) 1 of which shall be emblematic of
2 the Moon missions of the National Aero-
3 nautics and Space Administration; and

4 (ii) 1 of which shall be emblematic of
5 the Earth missions of the National Aero-
6 nautics and Space Administration.

7 (C) \$1 COINS.—

8 (i) OBVERSE.—The obverse of the \$1
9 coins issued under this Act shall honor the
10 achievements of the Jet Propulsion Lab-
11 oratory and bear an image emblematic of
12 the missions and achievements of the Lab-
13 oratory in the exploration of the solar sys-
14 tem.

15 (ii) REVERSE.—The reverse of the \$1
16 coins issued under this Act shall bear 8
17 different designs each of which shall con-
18 sist of an image of 1 of the 8 planets of
19 the solar system, other than Earth, and be
20 emblematic of the missions of the National
21 Aeronautics and Space Administration and
22 the Jet Propulsion Laboratory to such
23 planet.

1 (D) HALF DOLLAR COINS.—The reverse of
2 the half dollar coins shall bear an image of the
3 universe.

4 (4) REALISTIC AND SCIENTIFICALLY ACCURATE
5 DEPICTIONS.—The images for the designs of coins
6 issued under this Act shall be selected on the basis
7 of the realism and scientific accuracy of the images
8 and on the extent to which the images are reminis-
9 cent of the dramatic and beautiful artwork on coins
10 of the so-called “Golden Age of Coinage” in the
11 United States, at the beginning of the Twentieth
12 Century, with the participation of such noted sculp-
13 tors and medallie artists as James Earle Fraser, Au-
14 gustus Saint-Gaudens, Victor David Brenner, Ad-
15 olph A. Weinman, Charles E. Barber, and George T.
16 Morgan.

17 (b) SELECTION.—The design for the coins minted
18 under this Act shall be—

19 (1) selected by the Secretary after consultation
20 with the Administrator of the National Aeronautics
21 and Space Administration, the Director of the Jet
22 Propulsion Laboratory, and the Commission of Fine
23 Arts; and

24 (2) reviewed by the Citizens Coin Advisory
25 Committee.

1 **SEC. 4. SYMBOLIC INCLUSION OF PRECIOUS METALS THAT**
2 **HAVE FLOWN IN SPACE.**

3 (a) COLLECTION.—Each Federal agency and instru-
4 mentality of the United States, including the Department
5 of Defense, the Smithsonian Institution, the National Aer-
6 onautics and Space Administration, and the Jet Propul-
7 sion Laboratory, that has in its possession any craft, or
8 any part of a craft, that flew in space shall—

9 (1) retrieve any gold, silver, copper, and other
10 precious metal that the Director of the United
11 States Mint determines may be used in the produc-
12 tion of any coins under this Act, from such craft or
13 part, that can be retrieved without harming any
14 such craft or part that may be of continuing use for
15 its original purpose or for research, or whose preser-
16 vation is appropriate for historical purposes; and

17 (2) deposit such precious metals so retrieved
18 with the Director of the United States Mint.

19 (b) SEGREGATION AND RECORDKEEPING.—Each
20 Federal agency and instrumentality of the United States
21 which retrieves any precious metals in accordance with
22 subsection (a), and the Director of the United States Mint
23 with respect to precious metals deposited with the Mint
24 in accordance with such subsection, shall maintain such
25 precious metals separately from other metals not so re-
26 trieved or obtained and shall maintain accurate and com-

1 plete records of the retrieval and deposit of any such pre-
2 cious metals.

3 (c) USE OF PRECIOUS METALS IN PRODUCTION OF
4 COINS.—Any precious metals deposited with the Director
5 of the United States Mint under subsection (a) shall be
6 used in the production of the coins struck under this Act
7 by blending such precious metals with other bullion nec-
8 essary for the production of such coins so that all of the
9 coins produced under this Act will contain some propor-
10 tion of the bullion obtained from craft or parts of crafts
11 that flew in space in an amount appropriate for the types
12 and denominations of the coins and the amount of pre-
13 cious metals so deposited.

14 **SEC. 5. ISSUANCE OF COINS.**

15 (a) QUALITY OF COINS.—Coins minted under this
16 Act shall be issued in uncirculated and proof qualities.

17 (b) SETS.—In issuing coins minted under this Act,
18 the Secretary shall make not less than 25,000 sets of coins
19 available for issuance each of which shall contain the coins
20 of each denomination of the coins minted under this Act,
21 including a coin bearing each design required for the re-
22 verse of any such denomination of coin.

23 (c) MINT FACILITY.—Only 1 facility of the United
24 States Mint may be used to strike any particular combina-

1 tion of denomination and quality of the coins minted under
2 this Act.

3 (d) COMMENCEMENT OF ISSUANCE.—The Secretary
4 may issue coins minted under this Act beginning January
5 1, 2008.

6 (e) TERMINATION OF MINTING AUTHORITY.—No
7 coins may be minted under this Act after December 31,
8 2008.

9 **SEC. 6. SALE OF COINS.**

10 (a) SALE PRICE.—The coins issued under this Act
11 shall be sold by the Secretary at a price equal to the sum
12 of—

13 (1) the face value of the coins;

14 (2) the surcharge provided in section 6(a) with
15 respect to such coins; and

16 (3) the cost of designing and issuing the coins
17 (including labor, materials, dies, use of machinery,
18 overhead expenses, marketing, and shipping).

19 (b) PREPAID ORDERS.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall accept
21 prepaid orders for the coins minted under this Act
22 before the issuance of such coins.

23 (2) DISCOUNT.—Sale prices with respect to pre-
24 paid orders under paragraph (1) shall be at a rea-
25 sonable discount.

1 **SEC. 7. SURCHARGES.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—All sales of coins minted under
3 this Act shall include a surcharge as follows:

4 (1) A surcharge of \$75 per coin for the \$10
5 coin.

6 (2) A surcharge of \$35 per coin for the \$5 coin.

7 (3) A surcharge of \$10 per coin for the \$1 coin.

8 (4) A surcharge of \$3 per coin for the half dol-
9 lar coin.

10 (b) DISTRIBUTION.—Subject to section 5134(f) of
11 title 31, United States Code, all surcharges received by
12 the Secretary from the sale of coins issued under this Act
13 shall be promptly paid by the Secretary to the NASA
14 Family Assistance Fund for the purposes of providing
15 need-based financial assistance to the families of NASA
16 personnel who die as a result of injuries suffered in the
17 performance of their official duties.

18 (c) AUDITS.—The NASA Family Assistance Fund
19 shall be subject to the audit requirements of section
20 5134(f)(2) of title 31, United States Code, with regard
21 to the amounts received by the under subsection (b).

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